GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1375
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PROMOTION/DEVELOPMENT OF TRIBAL AGENCIES
HEMA GAMANG

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No.5507 on April 24, 2001 and state:

(a) the number of tribal agencies identified and assisted by the Union Government in the tribal districts of Orissa during each of the last three years and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) whether the Union Government have assisted the tribal agencies namely Dongaria Kandha Development Agency (D.K.D.A.), Langia Soura Development Agency (L.S.D.A.) and Orissa Tribal Development Project (O.T.D.P.)

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Union Government are considering the formulation of a comprehensive Tribal Development Policy for the tribal areas of the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) The Government of Orissa has set up 17 Micro Tribal Development Agencies in various Tribal Districts of Orissa for 13 identified Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) for their socio-economic development. During 1998-99, a new Central Sector Scheme for Development of PTGs was introduced .Under this scheme, a sum of Rs.25.72 lakhs in 1999-2000 and Rs.200.00 lakhs in 2000-2001 were released to the Government of Orissa for implementation of various proagrammes for the welfare of PTGs in these Micro Tribal Development Agency areas, on the basis of the proposals received from the Govt. of Orissa. The Union Government has not funded these agencies directly. The expenditure incurred against the released amounts has not been reported by the State Government.

(e) & (f) Planning Commission has constituted a Sub-Group of its Steering Committee for empowering the Scheduled Tribes (STs) during 10th Five Year Plan on policies and legislations relating to protection and development of STs. The Sub-Group has recommended various policies on land, forest and displacement due to major projects etc. The Sub-Group has also emphasized the need for Tribal Policy. The recommendations of the Sub-Group will be considered by the Steering Committee of Planning Commission for empowering the STs during 10th Five Year Plan.